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1. The Chungau bridge on the road to Wonju (127-56, 37-20) is cut. Three convoys of camouflaged North Korean vehicles heading for Chungju were observed on the Wonju-Chungju road. There were six vehicles in the first convoy, four in the second and fifteen in the third. Many of these vehicles were small jeeps and 3/4-ton trucks. One was definitely a tank resembling the U.S. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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2. The road from Chungju to Yontanni is deserted and without artillery. Seven coal-type freight cars, full of South Korean troops, were observed in the Yontanni railroad station north of Chongju. Bridges in the Chongju area are still intact.
3. Approximately ten North Korean artillery pieces and one North Korean infantry battalion are in the Wonju-Iunmangni (127-48, 32-18) area.
4. The North Korean 15 Division was activated on 20 June at Hoeryong from North Korean troops with fighting experience with the Chinese Communist army in Manchuria. Some Chinese troops are included. The division is advancing toward Umsong ( 127-42, 36-56), still held by South Korean troops.
5. The South Korean 6 Division, in good condition, is at Chungju, in the path of the advance of North Korean troops from Wonju.
6. A number of North Korean trucks carrying ammunition south of Yoju (127-38, 37-18) are going south toward Changhown-ni.

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Comment. It is the opinion of the South Korean military that the North Korean troops advancing from the Wonju and Yoju areas possibly are to converge at Chongju and proceed to Taejon. It is also possible that the Wonju advance will take Chungju, then proceed to Taejon.

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